

Appeal From a
divisional sanction

CONFIDENTIAL

August 26, 1987

Ms. L.

Toronto, Ontario

Dear Ms. L.

The Appeals Board of the University Tribunal met on August 18th, 1987 to consider your appeal from the penalty of a grade of zero that was assigned to you in your final examination in the course MAT 233F by the Associate Dean (Sciences), ERindale College.

I am writing to advise you formally of the decision of the Appeals Board:

That the appeal be dismissed.

Section E.1.(a)(i) of the University of Toronto Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters states that it is an offence "to use or possess an unauthorized aid or aids...at any academic examination..." The Board found that "we have no reason to disbelieve what Miss Tan has told us on behalf of Miss L., although we still have a question in our minds about the presentation of the [unauthorized] sheets toward the end of the exam and the placing of them in the question paper. While we are sympathetic to Miss L.'s position, she did possess an unauthorized aid or aids at an academic examination which is an offence under the Code, which is designed to protect the integrity of the teaching and learning relationship. The essence of an offence is the seeking of credit or other advantage by fraud or misrepresentation rather than on the basis of merit. We are not suggesting that it has been proven that Miss L. used these unauthorized aids, and indeed, it can't be proven, but in our view it does not have to

be, to be an offence. We, therefore, see no reason why the Associate Dean's sanction should be altered in any way but we do add that we hope every effort will be made to allow Miss L. to enter Mathematics 233F again, if she so desires, this year."

Yours truly,



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